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SUBJ: DSP CONCEPT FOR COALITION GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY: DSP CHAIRMAN IKKO KASUGA REVIEWED CONCEPT FOR MODERATE SOCIALIST COALITION GOVERNMENT DURING CAMPAIGN VISIT TO NAGOYA DECEMBER 2. ONCE AGAIN HE SOUGHT TO KEEP DOOR CLOSED AGAINST JCP PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN DURING CAMPAIGN TOUR OF NAGOYA DECEMBER 1, KASUGA SAID THAT TIME IS RIPE TO ESTABLISH COALITION OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO REPLACE TANAKA GOVERNMENT, AGAINST WHICH HE SAID POPULAR DISSATISFACTION IS MOUNTING TO PEAK. HOWEVER, HE ALSO SOUGHT TO EXCLUDE JCP FROM SUCH COALITION BY STATING THAT QTE ANY MARXIST-LENINIST GROUP SEEKING SINGLE-PARTY DICTATORSHIP UNQTE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

2. PRIMARY TASK OF COALITION, SAID KASUGA, SHOULD BE SOLUTION OF PRESSING NATIONAL PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION. ALTHOUGH TEMPORARY IN NATURE HE SAID COALITION WOULD LAY FOUNDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW.

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3. KASUGA ENUMERATED THREE PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE COALITION, RESPECT FOR PRESENT CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WELFARE STATE. HE ALSO PROPOSED REVIEW OF U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY AND RETENTION OF SELF DEFENSE FORCES ON REASONABLE SCALE.

4. COMMENT: KASUGA'S STATEMENT OF MODERATE DSP COALITION CONCEPT REFLECTS AT LEAST AS MUCH CONCERN WITH KEEPING JCP OUT OF POSSIBLE OPPOSITION COALITION AS WITH REMOVING LDP FROM POWER. BALANCED PRINCIPLES HE STATED HEW TO CONSISTENT BUT SOMEHOW DATED LINE WITH WHICH PARTY IDENTIFIED, AND DO NOT INCREASE OPPOSITION PARTY COLORATION OF DSP WITHOUT WHICH SOME YOUNGER MEMBERS HAVE BEGUN TO DESPAIR OF MAKING COME-BACK AT POLLS.
END COMMENT.
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